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## The Collier Mansions of Barnesville, Georgia

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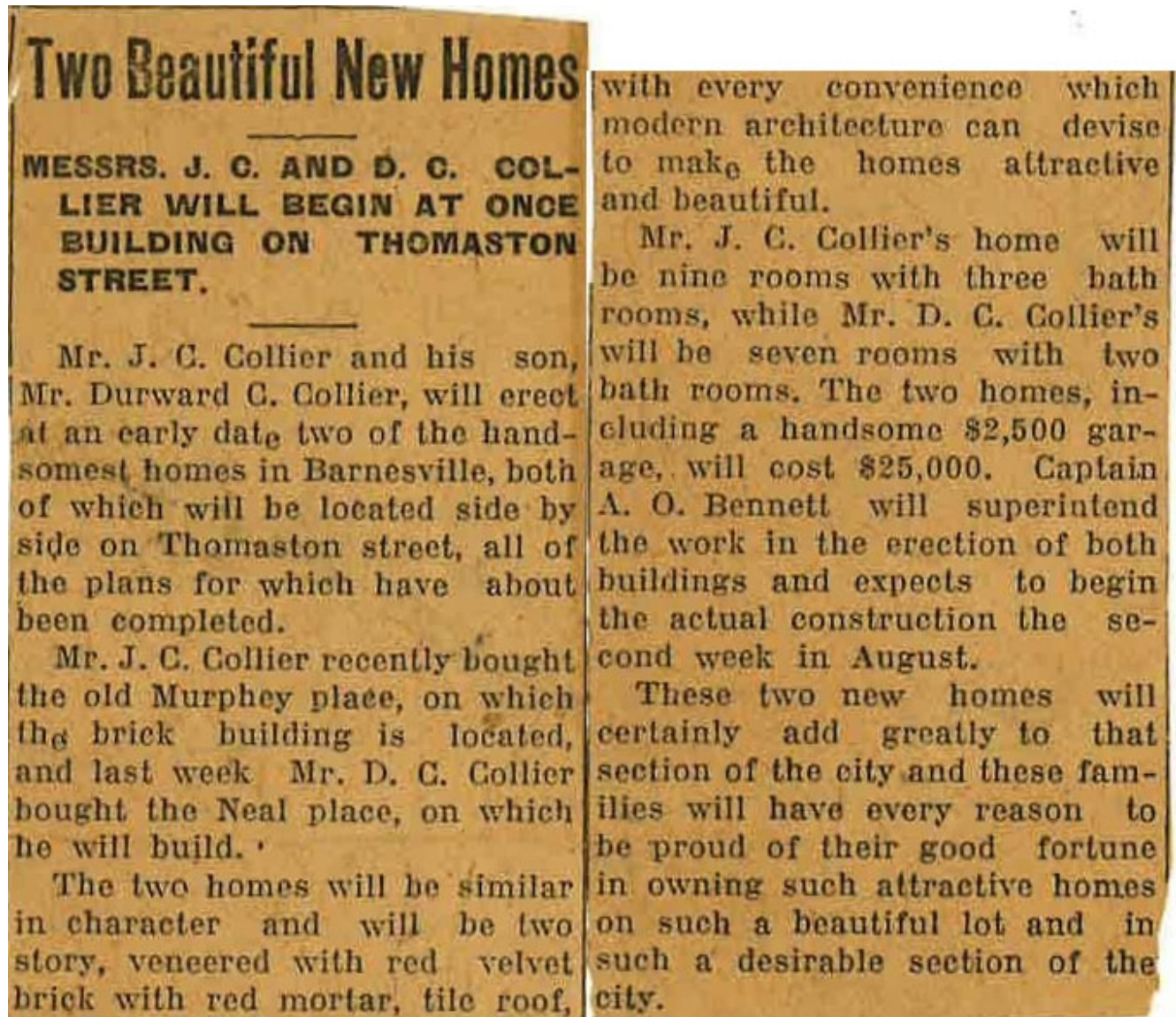
### Home built by D. C. Collier, 1918-1919

By 1918, at the age of only a couple of years past 50, J C Collier had already made two fortunes of a lifetime – the first as a dry goods merchant (see Jan. 2, 2017 post), the second in agriculture (see Sept. 17, 2016 post). He was about to make his third in textile manufacturing (see Feb. 24, 2017 post).



Oxford Knitting Mills (started by J C and his father, I C Collier, in 1898) was doing well. D C Collier, J C's son, had joined the company in 1911, having completed a degree in textile engineering at Georgia Tech. Financially, the future looked very promising.

The two decided to have homes that were appropriate for their wealth and position in the community. For their new residences, J C and D C bought adjacent properties on Thomaston Street in Barnesville, Georgia. Their planning was greeted with some excitement in the town as evidenced by this article from the local newspaper.



## Two Beautiful New Homes

**MESSRS. J. C. AND D. C. COLLIER WILL BEGIN AT ONCE BUILDING ON THOMASTON STREET.**

Mr. J. C. Collier and his son, Mr. Durward C. Collier, will erect at an early date two of the handsomest homes in Barnesville, both of which will be located side by side on Thomaston street, all of the plans for which have about been completed.

Mr. J. C. Collier recently bought the old Murphey place, on which the brick building is located, and last week Mr. D. C. Collier bought the Neal place, on which he will build.

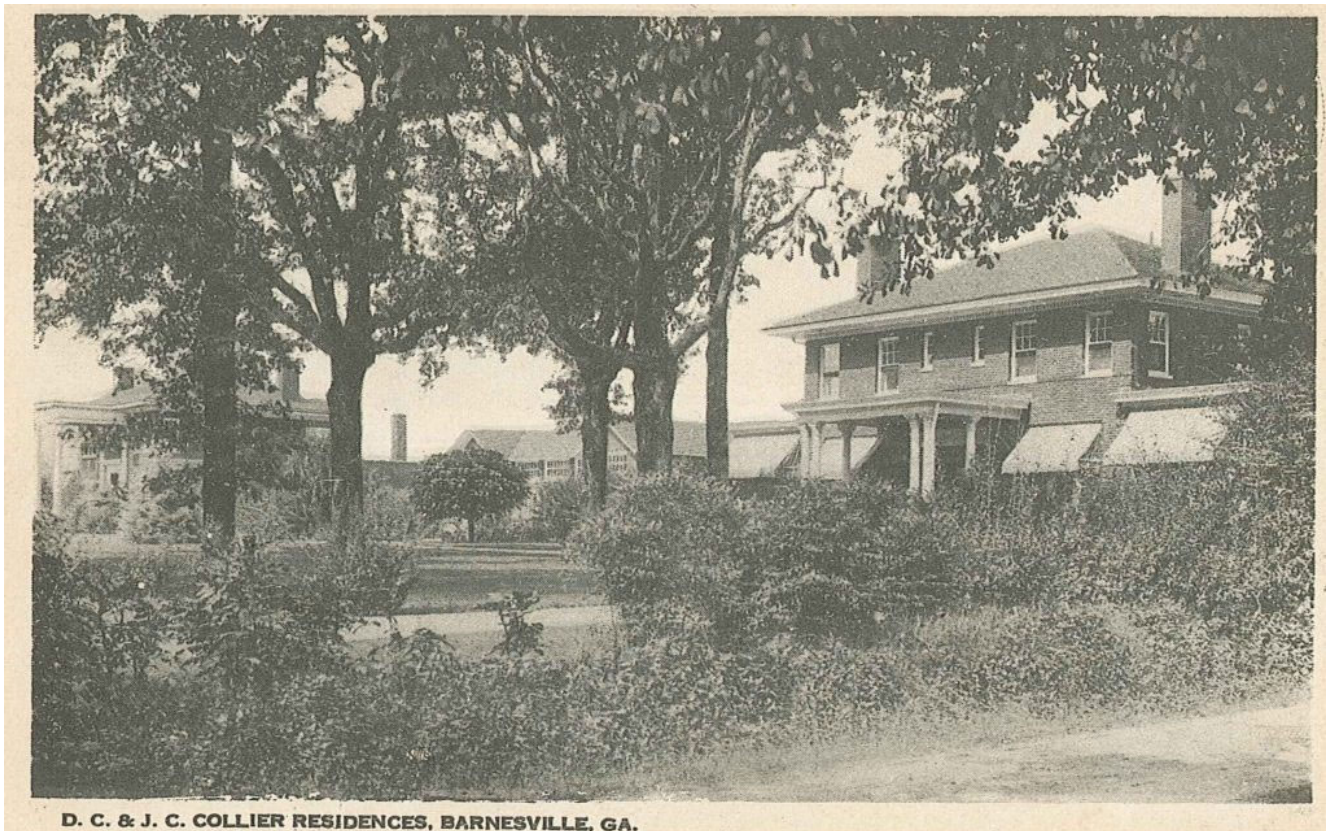
The two homes will be similar in character and will be two story, veneered with red velvet brick with red mortar, tile roof, with every convenience which modern architecture can devise to make the homes attractive and beautiful.

Mr. J. C. Collier's home will be nine rooms with three bath rooms, while Mr. D. C. Collier's will be seven rooms with two bath rooms. The two homes, including a handsome \$2,500 garage, will cost \$25,000. Captain A. O. Bennett will superintend the work in the erection of both buildings and expects to begin the actual construction the second week in August.

These two new homes will certainly add greatly to that section of the city and these families will have every reason to be proud of their good fortune in owning such attractive homes on such a beautiful lot and in such a desirable section of the city.

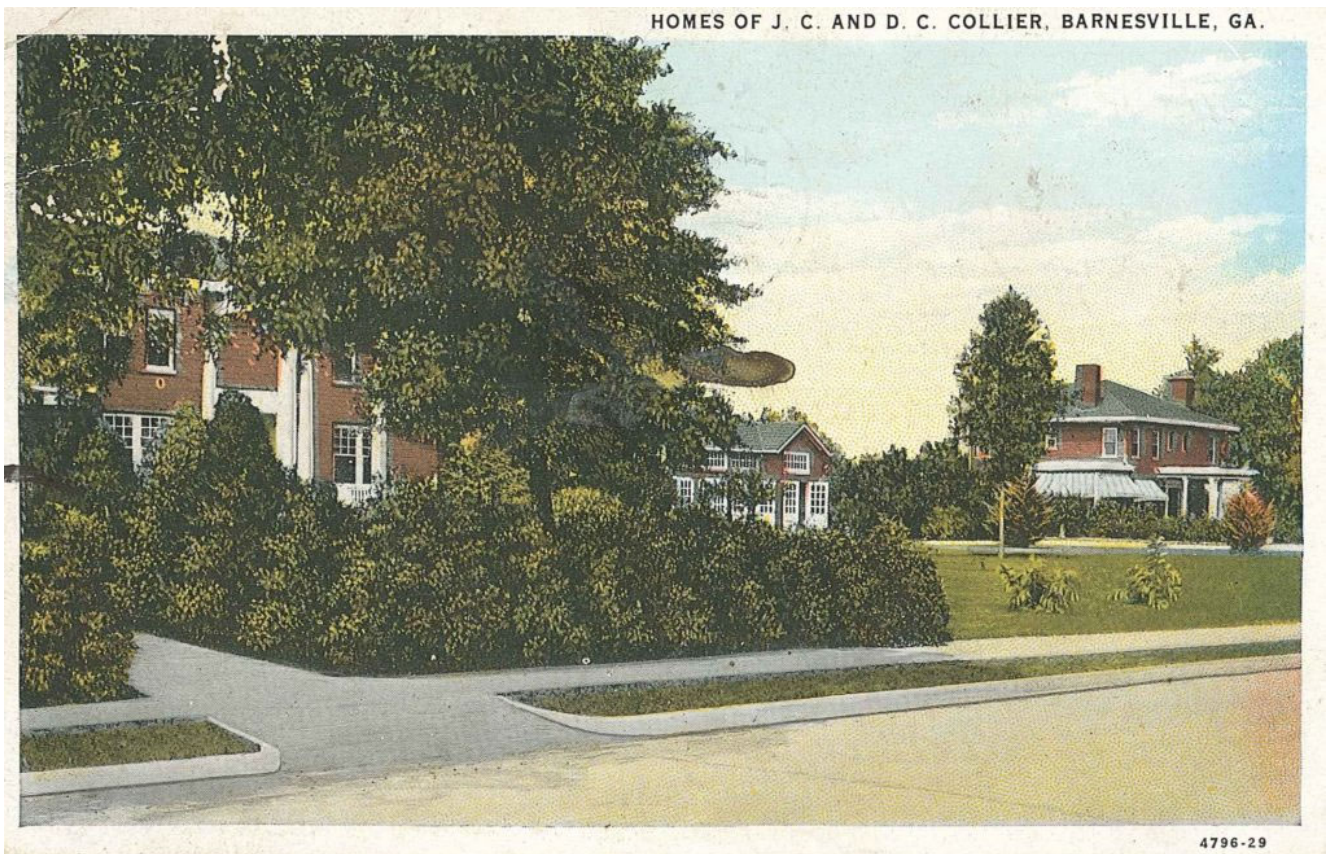
When constructed, the two homes shared a common carriage house or garage of the same construction as the houses. The homes were celebrated in two postcards of the time, one black & white and the other in color.





D. C. & J. C. COLLIER RESIDENCES, BARNESVILLE, GA.

J C Collier House in the Right Foreground, D C Collier Home on the Left, Carriage House Between the Two.



HOMES OF J. C. AND D. C. COLLIER, BARNESVILLE, GA.

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J C Collier House on the Right, D C Collier Home on the Left, Carriage House Between the Two.



Sept- 1924



Beautiful home of  
State Senator-Elect  
J. C. Collier, in  
Barnesville,  
Ga.  
Photo by Kelly's  
Studio, Griffin.



J.C. Collier,  
of Barnesville,  
state senator-elect  
from the twenty-  
second district.



Columbus Chapter, Sigma Theta Pi Sorority, who assisted in  
entertaining at a recent Mah Jong dance. Standing, left to right, Misses Helen  
Samuels, Bessie Rothchild, Lyla Rothchild, Mrs. Max Loeb, Mrs. Corrine Leib-  
rothchild, Miss Roslyn Julius. Front row, Miss Sarah Evelyn Strauss, Miss Sophie  
Heath and Miss Ethel Griffin.

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When J C Collier was elected State Senator in 1924, a picture of his home appeared in the Atlanta Journal.

D C Collier was a detailed manager. Here is a spreadsheet he created showing the various categories and the cost to build his home. **The total cost in 1919 was \$26,538.00.**





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PLANTING PLAN  
MR. J. C. COLLIER AND SON, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.  
JAN. 1917  
SCALE 1" = 10'-0"

D C Collier's home was electric throughout. There was an intercom inside at the front door where one could page each room in the house. There was a music room and a French room (where the children were taught French). The upstairs bath had what I will describe as a full length, wrap-around shower. The house had a built-in, in-the-wall vacuum system, of which D C was very proud. One family anecdote was that the system never worked, but no one told D C. When he left, the housekeeper got out the broom and dustpan.

A small alley ran perpendicular to Thomaston Street and beside J C's property. Called "Collier Alley", it was marked until recently by a concrete marker. I observed this summer the marker had been replaced by a typical street sign.



Here are some more pictures of the two homes.





View from J C's to D C's, showing Landscaping



D C Collier Home





Former J C Collier Home, Probably around 2003





Carriage House or Garage, Property Line goes Through the Building





Former J C Collier Home





House Built by D C Collier

Here is a great portrait of the Collier family taken next to the home of J C Collier (seated).





Also see the June 10, 2016 post about the homes being featured in the Georgia Trust Barnesville Expedition Tour of Homes.

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## 9 Thoughts on “The Collier Mansions of Barnesville, Georgia”



Kristen Howard

on [November 12, 2017 at 2:01 pm](#) said:

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Hello y'all!

I'm positively THRILLED to have discovered this foundation and to have access to so much dedicated, thorough research. I'm Kristen Howard, 6th great-granddaughter of Vines Collier. If my research is correct, I descend from John Isaac (to Thomas, to Robert, to William, to Noah, to Mary (Collier) Braun, to

my mother Carol (Braun) Howard).

I found it particularly funny that the Old Vines Collier Plantation now is home to the Collier-Howard home! Also, I was born and raised in Ohio (where John Braun took his bride, Mary Collier, after they met in Macon where he was stationed.) Coincidentally, I recently moved from there to Atlanta, merely an hour away from Oglethorpe and Barnesville. Getting back to my roots (albeit accidentally) I guess. Anyway, I deeply appreciate all that you have done and continue to do, and am excited to comb through this site and learn all that I can.

Peace,

Kristen

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on [November 12, 2017 at 2:47 pm](#) said:

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Kristen,

Welcome!! We're glad you found us! Maybe you can provide us details on your line.

Glen Collier

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Marsha Collier

on [January 13, 2018 at 1:12 pm](#) said:

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OMG I hope after 30 years of research, I hope I am on the right trail. I hope this is right as followers —Isaac Collier married Ann Vines had 8 children.I am a descendant of Isaac Collier born 1819 and died 1860 on election day at Hillardston,Nash County,N.C. he married Patience Joyner. Before I go any futher can someone tell me if I have the right Collier family. Thank you, Marsha Collier

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john collier

on [September 22, 2018 at 2:42 pm](#) said:

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Hey, Marsha!

If you are a descendant of Isaac and Anne, you have the right Collier Family. Primarily descendants of Isaac and Anne's son Vines and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Williamson. My records do not show your 1819/Isaac GF, but , that doesn't mean any thing, because, my record don't show many of Vine's bother's children. Hope I helped! John Collier/father of Isaac



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Marsha Collier

on [February 12, 2018 at 5:48 pm](#) said:

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I will answer to myself Yes I am on the right Collier line.

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on [February 12, 2018 at 9:10 pm](#) said:

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Did you never get a response about your ancestry?

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Gary Skinner

on [May 14, 2018 at 11:59 am](#) said:

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Hello my name is Gary Skinner. My 2nd great grandfather was John Collier son of Henry Collier of Georgia. I am curious if Henry was related to your Collier? He had a daughter named Piety Collier. Thank you

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Elaine Collier Neal

on [May 15, 2018 at 8:07 am](#) said:

[Edit](#)

Dear Gary,

I wondered if you have done a DNA test or would consider doing one. There are just too many John Colliers in Georgia to be sure without you doing this. Glen and my brothers have tested for the Vines line so we could do a match if you have the DNA test. Something to consider to solve this puzzle.

Warmest regards, Elaine Collier Neal

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Marsha C West

on [March 25, 2019 at 6:01 pm](#) said:

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Hello John Collier, Thank you for your answer as of Sept.2018. With much research and DNA with Ancestry, I am your kin. My g.g.g.Grandfather was Myhill Collier brother to Vines Collier. My great grandfather Isaac Dudley Collier was son of James Collier and Fanny Conn. Thank you so much for the tons of information and pictures you have on line. So helpful and so interesting. My tree on Ancestry is The Collier . Thanks Again, Marsha

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